SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : The rules provide that concurrence should be obtained. What was the difficulty of the heads of departments and other officials in going through this formality?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Normally they appoint for a period of three months, and then they are not sure whether the appointment would be continued or not. Then they realize it has got to be continued, and then it becomes too late to apply within the period specified in the Government Orders.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : In many cases concurrence has been asked for after one year. The period allowed is only three months. After three months, they did not apply for the concurrence of the Commission. Only after one year they applied for the concurrence of the Commission. May I know why it is so?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There are two rules. One is that for continuing the person after three months, they have got to take concurrence. Then, the temporary appointments may be for one year. In these cases where they have to continue beyond a year, they have to obtain the concurrence of the Commission. Therefore concurrence has to be obtained twice in some cases. The concurrence for three months was obtained, but concurrence for continuance after one year has not been obtained in other cases. In some cases even the first concurrence has not been obtained.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Leader of the House tell us the nature of these appointments?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : They are mostly in the junior clerical category.

Higher Secondary School teachers

* 68. *Q.*—DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any qualifications for Higher Secondary School teachers have been prescribed by Government;

(*b*) if so, what they are; and

(*c*) when these will come into force?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes. Sir.

(*b*) (i) A Post-Graduate degree or the Post-Graduate Certificate to be issued by the University or a first class B.A. or B.Sc. degree, and

(ii) a degree in teaching

(*c*) with effect from 1962–63.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : May I know whether it is possible to give exemptions to teachers employed at present in the Secondary Schools with at least 15 years of teaching experience so as to enable them to handle Higher Secondary School classes?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I will consult the University in the matter.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Thanks.